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# the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



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PETER PARKER was bitten by a radioactive spider and gained the proportional speed, strength, and agility of a SPIDER, adhesive fingertips and toes, and the unique precognitive awareness of danger called "SPIDER-SENSE"! After the tragic death of his Uncle Ben, Peter understood that with great power there must also come great responsibility. He became the crimefighting super hero called...

# The Amazing SPIDER-MAN

## KING'S RANSOM Part Three

Peter is rocking a new suit, courtesy of *Threats & Menaces*. The suit allows *TNM* subscribers to watch the world through Spidey's eyes, and *TNM* chief J. Jonah Jameson to monitor Spidey through it all. It's not...ideal.

JJJ hasn't been monitoring his friend Joe "Robbie" Robertson who is working together with Lonnie Lincoln, A.K.A. Tombstone! The moral newsman and amoral crime lord became strange bedfellows after their children Randy Robertson and Janice Lincoln have become literal bedfellows. They've been on the rocks (Randy's a social worker and Janice runs a criminal organization called "The Syndicate"), and things got worse when they were kidnapped by Madame Masque and Crime-Master! Robbie and Tombstone got a lead to find their kids from the low-level criminal Mirage--but why are Masque and Crime-Master working together?

Well, Mayor Wilson Fisk (né Kingpin) declared NYC open season for super criminals to help him obtain the Lifeline Tablet. His goal is mysterious and he's got a few means to achieve said ends. One involves Norman Osborn, who recently discovered his son Harry is the super villain Kindred. Norman and Fisk captured Kindred, and now Fisk has employed the evil Baron Mordo to magically interrogate him!

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CHANGE IS  
DIFFICULT.

MOST OF US  
ARE WHO WE  
ARE, TO THE  
BITTER END.

RAAAARRRR!

MUSIC TO  
THE EAR, ISN'T IT,  
DIRECTOR?

BUT EVERY ONCE IN  
A WHILE, THERE'S  
A ROADSIDE  
CONVERSION--

--AND A MOMENT  
OF REVELATION.

FATHER...  
PLEASE...

IN THAT MOMENT,  
THOUGH, WE HAVE  
TO MAKE A CHOICE.

WE HAVE TO  
EMBRACE  
SALVATION.

ENOUGH



OR DAMNATION,  
AS IT WERE.

...OSBORN?

I WILL NO  
LONGER TOLERATE  
THIS INTRUSION ON  
MY INSTITUTION,  
MR. MAYOR.

I UNDERSTAND  
THE PRESSURES YOU  
FACE IN REGARDS TO YOUR  
LATEST...ACQUISITION.  
BUT WITH YOUR GOAL  
IN SIGHT, ASK  
YOURSELF--

DO YOU  
REALLY WANT  
TO CHANCE MY  
INVOLVEMENT AT  
THIS CRUCIAL  
HOUR?

NEVER  
UNDERESTIMATE THE  
GOBLIN'S ABILITY TO SOW  
CHAOS, WILSON. AND FROM  
WHAT MY CONTACTS IN THE  
UNDERWORLD TELL ME,  
YOU'VE UNLEASHED PLENTY  
OF THAT ON YOUR OWN  
LATELY.

SIGH  
MORDO--

--RELENT.

ONE DAY,  
NORMAN.  
THAT'S ALL  
I'LL GIVE.

AS YOU SAID--  
THE CRUCIAL HOUR  
DRAWS NEAR. ONCE IT'S  
PASSED, THERE'LL BE  
NO NEED FOR THIS  
CONTINGENCY--

--AND THE DEMON WILL BE SENT BACK TO HELL. USING CONVENTIONAL METHODS.

HARRY!

I HEARD YOU. THE OTHERS--THEY COULDN'T?

YOU HEARD, YES-- BUT DID YOU LISTEN?

I ASKED YOU FOR THAT HELP MY ENTIRE LIFE.

WHAT DID I RECEIVE IN RETURN, NORMAN?

AND WHY WOULD I EVER BELIEVE...

...THAT THIS TIME WAS ANY DIFFERENT?

THEN AGAIN--

--MAYBE THINGS  
CHANGE MORE  
THAN I'D CARE  
TO ADMIT.

THIS  
IS THE  
PLACE?

COME ON, ROBBIE.  
YOU THINK I DON'T  
KNOW HOW TO SHAKE A  
GUY UPSIDE DOWN OVER  
A ROOFTOP FOR  
INFORMATION?

I TEXTED  
MY CONTACT.  
HE SAYS SPIDEY'S  
ON HIS WAY,  
BUT--

WE AINT  
WAITING, YEAH. YOU  
CAN'T GO IN THERE  
HOLDING NOTHING BUT  
YOUR PRESS PASS,  
THOUGH.

TAKE  
THIS.

I'M NOT A KILLER  
LIKE YOU, LONNIE, OR  
YOUR DAUGHTER, THOUGH I  
GUESS I SHOULDN'T BLAME  
HER SINCE THAT'S  
WHAT YOU RAISED  
HER TO BE.

HEY NOW--YOU WATCH  
YOUR MOUTH. I DIDN'T WANT MY  
JANICE TO BE INVOLVED IN ANY OF  
THIS. I WANTED HER TO BE A LAWYER!  
NOT LIKE SHE'D EVER LISTEN TO ME.

HEH.

WHAT?

IT'S JUST--I CAN  
RELATE. WHATEVER I  
TRIED TO TELL RANDY TO  
DO, HE WAS ALREADY  
HALFWAY IN THE OTHER  
DIRECTION. THEN AGAIN--

--MAYBE IF I'D  
LISTENED MORE,  
HE WOULDN'T BE IN  
THIS MESS.

TELL ME  
ABOUT IT. I WAS  
SO MAD WHEN I  
FOUND OUT ABOUT  
HER DATING YOUR  
SON. I PUSHED  
HER AWAY.

MAN--BEING  
A DAD, IT'S  
THE WORST,  
RIGHT?

EXCEPT  
WHEN IT'S  
THE BEST.

NOW COME ON.  
LET'S GET  
IN THERE  
BEFORE--



WHAT THE--?!

BOOM,  
JERKS--



--YOU  
JUST GOT  
**MIRAGE'D!**

MY NEW  
**PARTNERS** HERE  
HOOKED ME UP WITH  
SOME FANCY POWER  
UPGRADES, SO IT'S  
NOT JUST ME DOING  
THE MIRAGE-ING.

BET THAT  
COLUMN DOESN'T  
SOUND LIKE SUCH A  
BAD IDEA NOW,  
ROBERTSON!

THERE THEY  
ARE--  
I SEE  
'EM!

WAIT!

JANICE!

AGGH!

GENTLEMEN,  
PLEASE.

I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO DIE A BIT MORE QUICKLY.

YEAH.  
WE'RE ON A SCHEDULE.

MADAME MASQUE,  
YOU MESSED UP THIS TIME, LADY.

I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW,  
SPIDER-MAN IS  
ALREADY ON THE WAY!

MR.  
ROBERTSON,  
LOOK AT MY FACE.

DO I LOOK  
WORRIED  
TO YOU?

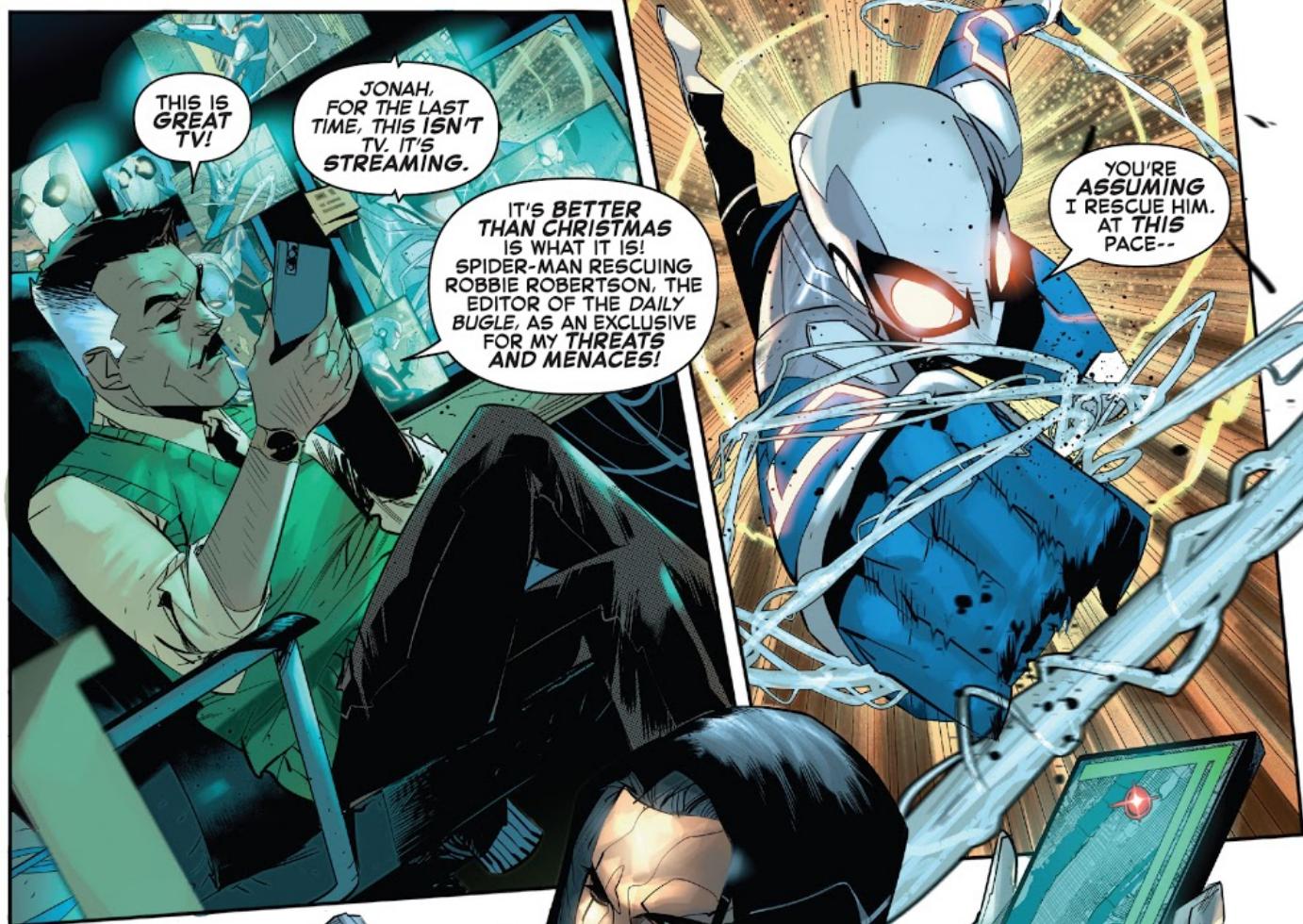
I'M  
WORRIED.

ROBBIE SENT ME THE LOCATION OF MASQUE AND CRIME MASTER'S HIDEOUT, BUT IT'S WAY UPTOWN.

WHY DO I ALWAYS THINK I CAN GET EVERYWHERE WITH WEBS? THE SUBWAY MIGHT BE FASTER THAN THIS.

POINT IS,  
THIS IS ALL GOING--

GREAT!



# THE SYNDICATE!







MAN, ME  
AND SHAKESPEARE.  
I CAN NEVER KEEP  
IT STRAIGHT.

MY  
GIRLFRIEND  
WOULD KILL  
ME.

LADIES--  
YOU MIND IF  
I JOIN IN THE  
RESCUE?

KRASH

SMASH

I CANNOT  
BELIEVE WE  
GOTTA TEAM UP  
WITH HIM  
AGAIN!

FZZZZZZZZZ

THE  
COMMENTS  
ARE GONNA BE  
BRUTAL.

HEY, I GET IT--  
THIS ISN'T  
GOOD FOR THE  
BRAND.

BUT AS  
SOMEONE WHO  
STRUGGLED ON THAT  
FRONT FOR YEARS, TAKE  
IT FROM ME--THE PUBLIC  
CHANGE THEIR MINDS  
ALL THE TIME.

YOU JUST  
FOCUS ON  
DOING YOUR  
JOB--

POWWICH





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INSPIRING STUFF, RIGHT?

BAMMO

PEOPLE LEARNING HOW TO CHANGE THEIR WAYS.

GIVING SOMETHING OTHER THAN FIGHTING A CHANCE.

WHOOSH

ME, I'VE BEEN FEELING LATELY LIKE I CAN'T CHANGE ANYTHING.

LIKE NOTHING I DO MATTERS.

SO, THIS? A GOOD, CLEAN WIN?

THUNK

KRAK

FLAK

THAT FEELS PRETTY GREAT RIGHT NOW. YEAH...

ZHAM

DID I SAY  
WIN?



ODD, I THOUGHT I'D  
BE HAPPY TO STILL  
BE ALIVE.

LEMME KNOW  
WHEN IT'S SAFE  
TO TURN  
AROUND.



SO I'M GUESSING THIS IS  
GONNA BE ALL OVER  
THE INTERNET? THAT'S NOT  
SO GREAT.

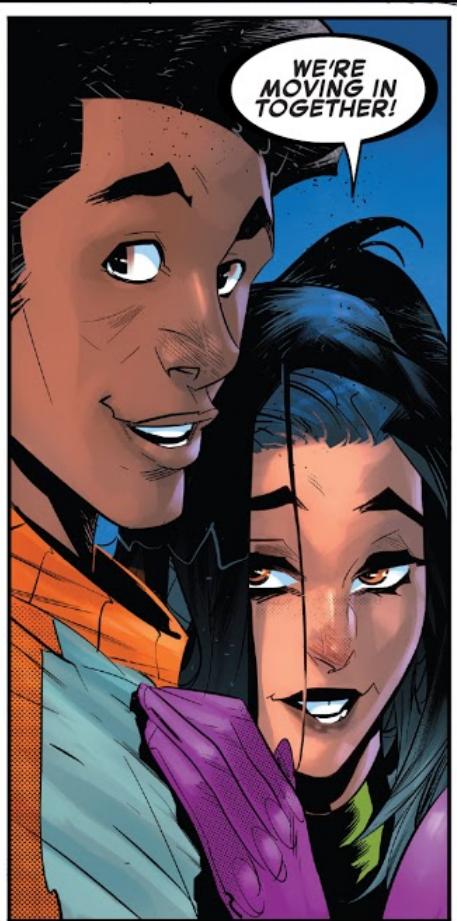
YEAH.  
LISTEN, ROBBIE--  
I'M SORRY--

BUT FRIENDLY  
ADVICE--JUST...  
BE CAREFUL.

NO NEED  
TO APOLOGIZE,  
SPIDEY. I STOOD BY  
PLENTY OF TIMES  
WHILE JONAH PULLED  
THIS KINDA STUNT  
ON YOU.

WITH JONAH,  
YOU NEVER KNOW  
WHAT'S GONNA  
COME NEXT.

WE'RE  
MOVING IN  
TOGETHER!





I CAN'T EVEN  
HELP MY  
ROOMMATE.

IT'S OKAY,  
TIGER. YOU'LL  
FIGURE IT  
OUT.

AND A REALLY  
SLOBBERY  
BOOMERANG.

YEAH--GOG  
SURE DOES LOVE  
THAT THING. GUESS  
ANYTHING THAT'S GOT  
FRED'S SCENT  
ON IT.

WAITASECOND--  
MJ, THAT'S IT!

I DON'T  
KNOW HOW, MJ.  
I HAVE NO IDEA  
WHERE FRED IS--  
AND ALL I HAVE  
TO GO ON IS  
THIS NOTE.

GOG!  
C'MERE, BOY.  
YOU KNOW THIS  
SCENT? HELP  
ME FIND IT.

SNIFF

THAT'S  
IT. NOW WHERE'D  
HE--

-GOOOO?

FINALLY, A LEAD. GOG  
CAN TRACK FRED DOWN.  
PROBLEM IS, WITH EYES  
ALL OVER THE CITY--

--KINGPIN'S  
BOUND TO FIND  
HIM FIRST.



THIS FIGHT'S  
BEEN A LONG  
TIME COMING.



FISK HAS TURNED  
LOOSE EVERY CRIME  
LORD IN THE CITY.



HE'S WILLING TO DO  
ANYTHING TO GET  
THE REST OF THE  
LIFELINE TABLET.



I HAVE TO FACE  
REALITY. THERE'S  
NO WAY I CAN  
DO THIS ALONE.



IF I'M GONNA  
SAVE FRED, I'M  
GONNA NEED  
BACKUP.

SERIOUS  
BACKUP.



TO BE CONTINUED!

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grand conclusion in

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